

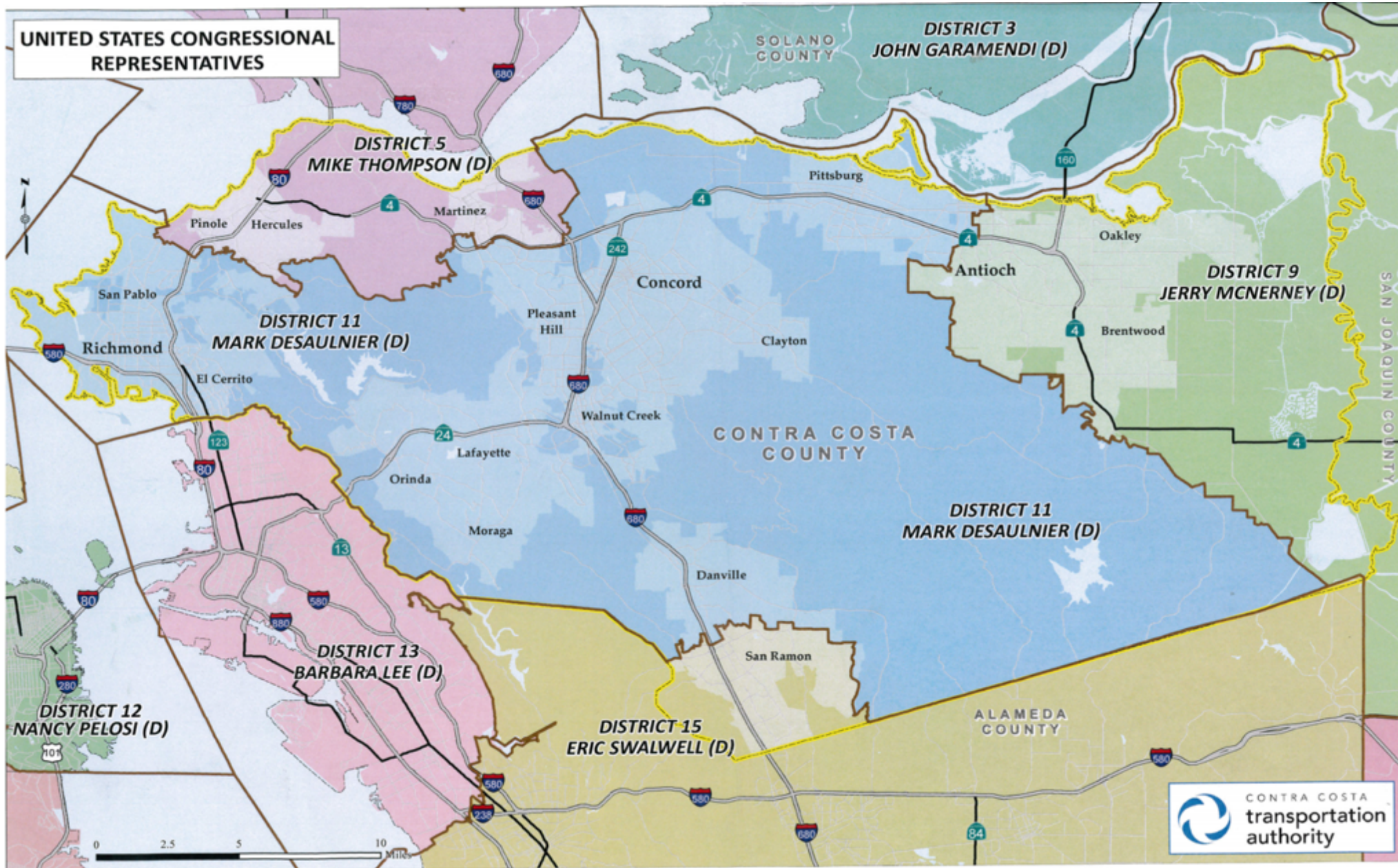
CONGRESSMAN MARK DESAULNIER'S



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NOVEMBER 7, 2019



Make Up of the House

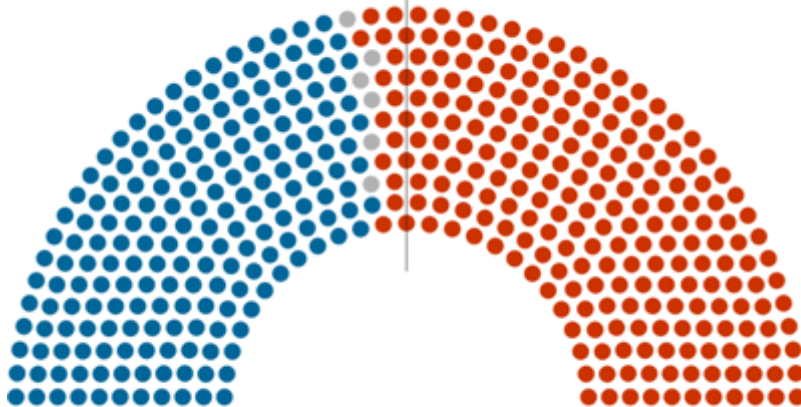
115TH CONGRESS

2017-2018

218 seats for majority

193

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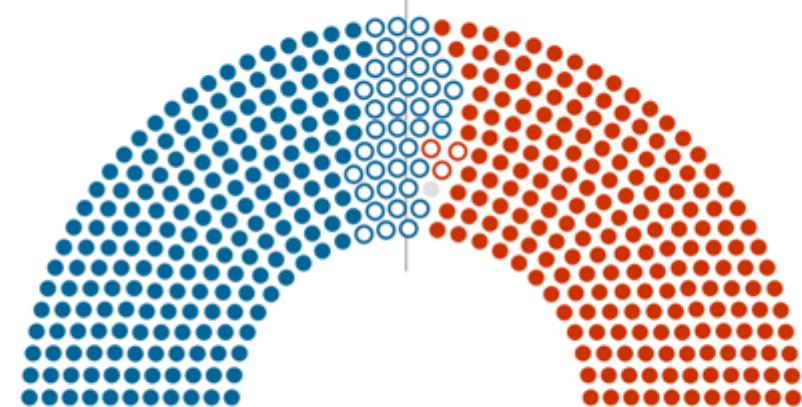
116TH CONGRESS

2019-2020

218 seats for majority

234

200



○ Seats flipped R to D (39) ○ Seats flipped D to R (3)

Impeachment Inquiry

Trump's Violations

By actively trying to blackmail a foreign power into digging up dirt on a political rival, just like he did in 2016, President Trump engaged in behavior that undermines the security of our elections, defies his oath of office, and puts our national security at risk

- ▶ **Security of Our Elections:** Foreign leaders and foreign governments cannot interfere in U.S. elections. (52 U.S.C. 30121, 36 U.S.C. 510)
 - ▶ By pressuring the President of Ukraine to interfere in our election, Donald Trump broke federal law. It is illegal to “knowingly solicit, accept, or receive from a foreign national any contribution or donation”
 - ▶ American elections are the beacon of western democracy and actively inviting a foreign power to interfere undermines trust in our democratic institutions
- ▶ **Oath of Office:** President Trump abused the foreign policy powers entrusted to him in Article II of the Constitution by seeking to serve his own political interests rather than the interests of the American people
- ▶ **National Security:** Withholding nearly \$400 million in aid from a country struggling to fight off Russian aggression, keep its citizens safe, and become a democracy undermines American values and delegitimizes the United States on the world stage

Impeachment Inquiry Resolution

- ▶ **Reaffirms the ongoing impeachment inquiry:** Makes clear that the investigating committees have been engaged in an impeachment inquiry and directs them to continue their vital work.
- ▶ **Ensures transparency:** Authorizes HPSCI to make transcripts of their recent depositions public with appropriate redactions made for classified or other sensitive information. Establishes procedures for all investigating committees to transmit their evidence to the Committee on the Judiciary for use in their proceedings.
- ▶ **Enables effective public hearings:** The resolution permits staff counsels to follow their lines of inquiry to their ends by allowing for periods of up to 45 minutes per side in the questioning of witnesses. The resolution also continues the precedent of giving the minority the same rights to question witnesses that the majority has, as has been true at every step of the inquiry.
- ▶ **Provides the President opportunities to participate:** The resolution establishes opportunities for the President or his counsel to participate in impeachment proceedings held by the Committee on the Judiciary.
- ▶ **Directs the Committee on the Judiciary to review the evidence and, if necessary, to report Articles of Impeachment to the House.** Following the precedent of every modern impeachment inquiry, the Committee on Judiciary will decide whether Articles shall be reported to the House.
- ▶ **To read the resolution in full and to watch our Rules hearing visit:** <https://rules.house.gov/bill/116/h-res-PIH-inquiry>

Impeachment Inquiry Protections for the President

Procedural Protection	President Nixon	President Clinton	President Trump
The President will receive a copy of the statement of information and related documents and other evidentiary material.	✓	No formal presentation of evidence	✓
The President and his counsel are invited to attend the presentation of evidence.	✓	No formal presentation of evidence	✓
The President's counsel may ask questions at the presentation of evidence.	✗	No formal presentation of evidence	✓
The President's counsel may respond to the presentation of evidence.	✓	✓ ¹	✓
The President's counsel may submit written summaries of additional testimony or evidence the President wishes the Committee to consider.	✓	✓	✓
The President and his counsel may attend all hearings, including any held in executive session.	✓	✓	✓
The President's counsel may raise objections relating to the examination of witnesses or to the admissibility of testimony and evidence.	✓	✓	✓
The President's counsel may question any witness called before the Committee.	✓	✓	✓
The President's counsel may be invited to offer a concluding presentation, in the chair's discretion.	Not expressly provided for in the rules but permitted	Not expressly provided for in the rules but permitted	✓
The ranking minority member may issue subpoenas with the concurrence of the Chair or as authorized by a Committee vote.	✓	✓	✓

¹ Although there was no presentation of evidence, the President's counsel was invited to respond to evidence received and testimony adduced by the Committee.

Impeachment Process

- ▶ On September 24, 2019, Speaker Pelosi announced the start of an official impeachment inquiry into President Trump
- ▶ On October 31, 2019, the House voted to move to the public phase of the inquiry
- ▶ Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution allows for the impeachment and removal from office of the President, Vice President, Attorney General, or any civil officer of the United States
- ▶ The House Judiciary Committee has the authority to perform an investigation and pursue articles of impeachment
- ▶ **Impeachment does not automatically remove the individual from office**
- ▶ If the impeachment resolution is adopted, the U.S. Senate must hold a trial to determine removal

Ongoing Congressional Work

Committees

- ▶ **One of only a handful of Members on 4 Committees**
- ▶ **Education & Labor**
 - ▶ Ensure that Americans' needs are addressed so that students and workers may move forward in a changing school system and a competitive global economy
- ▶ **Transportation & Infrastructure**
 - ▶ Maintain and improve the transportation and infrastructure in our country to best ensure the efficient flow of people, goods, and ideas
- ▶ **Oversight & Reform**
 - ▶ Main investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, impeachment jurisdiction
- ▶ **Rules**
 - ▶ Power over which bills are considered on the floor and influence over procedure

Mark's Actions Since Coming to Congress

22 initiatives enacted into law, including efforts to:

- ▶ Expand John Muir National Historic Site
- ▶ Rename post office in Richmond after the site's first African American postmaster
- ▶ Empower pharmacists to fight the opioid crisis
- ▶ Create and fund statewide family engagement centers to help families participate in their children's education

23 legislative efforts passed the House and Committee including efforts to:

- ▶ Instructing the Navy to exonerate the Port Chicago 50
- ▶ Require that prescription drug monitoring programs becoming interoperable between states

Caucuses & Initiatives:

- ▶ **Future of Work Wages and Labor**
- ▶ **Bipartisan Cancer Survivors Caucus**, *Founder & Co-Chair*
- ▶ **Urban Regional Studies Caucus**, *Founder*
- ▶ **Working Group on Saving Local News**
- ▶ **Protecting Isabel Bueso** by getting the Trump Administration to overturn their cancellation of deferred action

Senate Graveyard

Since January, Democrats in the House have passed hundreds of bills that the Senate has refused to consider.

- ▶ **For the People Act (H.R. 1)** – Most comprehensive voting rights and election protection legislation in decades
- ▶ **Equality Act (H.R. 5)** – Extends civil rights protections to individuals on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation
- ▶ **American Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6)** – Creates a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and TPS holders
- ▶ **Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7)** – Seeks to ensure women and men are paid equally
- ▶ **Bipartisan Background Checks Act (H.R. 8)** - Expands background checks for private firearms sales
- ▶ **Climate Action Now Act (H.R. 9)** – Recommits the U.S. to the Paris Climate Agreement

Education & Labor

- ▶ Making college more accessible and affordable – **College Affordability Act (H.R. 4674)**
- ▶ Holding Secretary DeVos accountable for her Department's mismanagement of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program
- ▶ Increasing the minimum wage – **Raise the Wage Act (H.R. 582)**
- ▶ Holding companies accountable for their workers – **Protecting the Right to Organize Act (H.R. 2474)**
- ▶ Promoting worker safety – **Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (H.R. 1309)**
- ▶ Working to lower prescription drug prices

Oversight & Reform

- ▶ Highlighting the Administration's cancellation of deferred action and how it is a death sentence for Isabel Bueso and others with medical conditions
- ▶ Holding JUUL accountable for marketing to teenagers and threatening public health
- ▶ Demanding answers from Purdue Pharma about their impact on the opioid epidemic
- ▶ Opposing wasteful spending at the Department of Defense
- ▶ Keeping drug prices down by holding companies responsible for their dangerous actions, like Mylan's spike in EpiPen prices

Transportation & Infrastructure

- ▶ Addressing holes in our air safety, some of which were uncovered in the near-miss incident at SFO
- ▶ Promoting a world class passenger rail system, including value capture and federal investments
- ▶ Ensuring Boeing is held accountable for its role in the recent airline crashes that killed hundreds
- ▶ Improving road safety, decreasing congestion, and finding sustainable funding for our nation's roads
- ▶ Identifying the appropriate role for ride-share companies to improve access to public transit and assist people with disabilities, but not contribute to congestion and worker mistreatment

Election Security

- ▶ **Bots Research Act (H.R. 2860)**: Introduced legislation to require the FTC to bring together a group of experts to study the impact of bots on elections and public discourse
- ▶ **Amendment passed** to require information sharing with states about attempts to interfere in elections
- ▶ Supported the **For the People Act (H.R. 1)**, which would shore up state and local election security, expand the ban on foreign spending on U.S. elections, and establish stricter campaign finance reporting requirements
- ▶ Hearing in the Oversight Subcommittee on National Security on **how we can protect our elections** by improving relationships between the government and social media platforms
- ▶ **Member of House Committee on Oversight and Reform, which has:**
 - ▶ 20+ ongoing investigations
 - ▶ 70+ requests for documents or other information

State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction

- ▶ In 2017, the Republican Majority passed a partisan tax bill that gave billions of dollars in tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans, but capped the SALT deduction for working-class homeowners at \$10,000
- ▶ The cap unfairly targets high-cost states like California
- ▶ Before these changes, homeowners in CA-11 had an **average SALT deduction of \$18,672**
- ▶ **More than 43% of tax returns** filed in our district claimed the SALT deduction, which made our district the **38th highest user** of the deduction nationwide
- ▶ An estimated 1 million Californians will pay more federal taxes due to this cap
- ▶ Sponsor the SALT Act (H.R. 1142) to repeal the cap on the SALT deduction

Democracy Awards

- ▶ **Transparency, Accountability, and Innovation Award – 2019 Winner**
 - ▶ *“The office believes Americans deserve an efficient and effective government that works on their behalf each and every day. **In order to build public trust, Congressman DeSaulnier and staff strive to be transparent and accountable to constituents by providing a higher-level of customer service.**”* – Brad Fitch, President & CEO of the nonpartisan Congressional Management Foundation
- ▶ **Constituent Service Award – 2018 Finalist (1 of 3 Democrats)**
 - ▶ *“**Constituent service has been the hallmark of Representative Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11) and his office since his election in 2015...**To keep constituents informed, Representative DeSaulnier uses Facebook Live to explain hot button issues happening in Washington in real time, and maintains an impressive four-day response time for constituents who send questions or concerns regarding his congressional activity. “* – Brad Fitch, President & CEO of the nonpartisan Congressional Management Foundation

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